

Key Messages:

Public Support

- We need to take our city back and restore peace and calm
- Residents have had enough and rightfully so.
- People in the downtown area are being terrorized by incessant noise and verbal abuse. We've heard of incidents of assault, racial slurs, public urination, and defecation. Businesses have closed for fear of safety. Those who have been able have fled their homes. But most people have been held hostage in their homes out of fear to move around the area.
- These groups are openly flaunting the law- bringing in saunas, erecting structures in our parks, throwing a massive party complete with stage and loud speakers in the middle of the streets.
- This is madness.

Emergency Board Meeting

- To be clear no politician can direct police- not the Chair of the Board, not my council colleagues, not the Mayor, not the Premier. We are prohibited under the Police Services Act to direct Police Operations.
- I called the meeting because I am deeply concerned about how this occupation has been allowed to take root in our city with what appears to be little enforcement.
- My responsibility as Chair of the Board is to ensure that we have adequate and effective policing to protect our residents. Watching this occupation unfold and hearing from hundreds of residents, I did not feel like we were meeting our responsibility.
- I called the meeting to ask the Chief if he was still able to provide adequate and effective policing to residents of this city.
- The Chief confirmed that he could not. Which was very troubling to hear. The Board requested what additional resources he needed to restore calm and protect residents.

Progress:

- We made significant progress over the weekend. We were able clear Confederation Park and remove the structure that was erected earlier in the week.
- Multiple vehicles and fuel were seized at Coventry Road.
- 5 more individuals were arrested for Mischief yesterday.
- Over 500 tickets were issued over the weekend including for Excessive noise, Use of Fireworks, driving through a No Truck Route, driving a motor vehicle on a sidewalk, obstructed license plate, failure to produce documents, No insurance and many more
- And over 60 criminal investigations are underway.

Additonal Resources:

we are requesting 1800 additional staffing and enforcement resources:

- 1000 regular officers
- 600 public order officers
- 100 investigative officers; and
- 100 civilian staff, and all supporting resources.

Perimeter and Traffic Control

- Barriers remain in place to restrict movement in and out of the Red Zone.
- Ottawa Police and our partners continue to close 417 exits in the downtown area sporadically.
- Kent St. remains blocked with traffic between Wellington and Somerset.
- Hundreds of concrete and heavy equipment barricades remain in place throughout Centretown, Lowertown, Byward Market, Sandy Hill and the Glebe.

Moving Forward

- As Chair of the Board, I committed to the Chief to get him any additional resources he needs to effectively end this occupation. We need to see a visible change in tactics.
- For obvious reasons, the Police cannot share full details of their plans to end the occupation for risk of putting the operation in jeopardy, but the pressure is on to end this quickly.
- While other cities such as Toronto benefited from seeing our experience, the Toronto Police have demonstrated that these unlawful protests can be effectively and peacefully controlled and shut down.

Toronto:

- This protest in Toronto was much smaller in scale and they had the benefit of knowing that these protesters were not coming in peace- and acted accordingly.
- But I applaud the Toronto Police Service for their work over the weekend.